

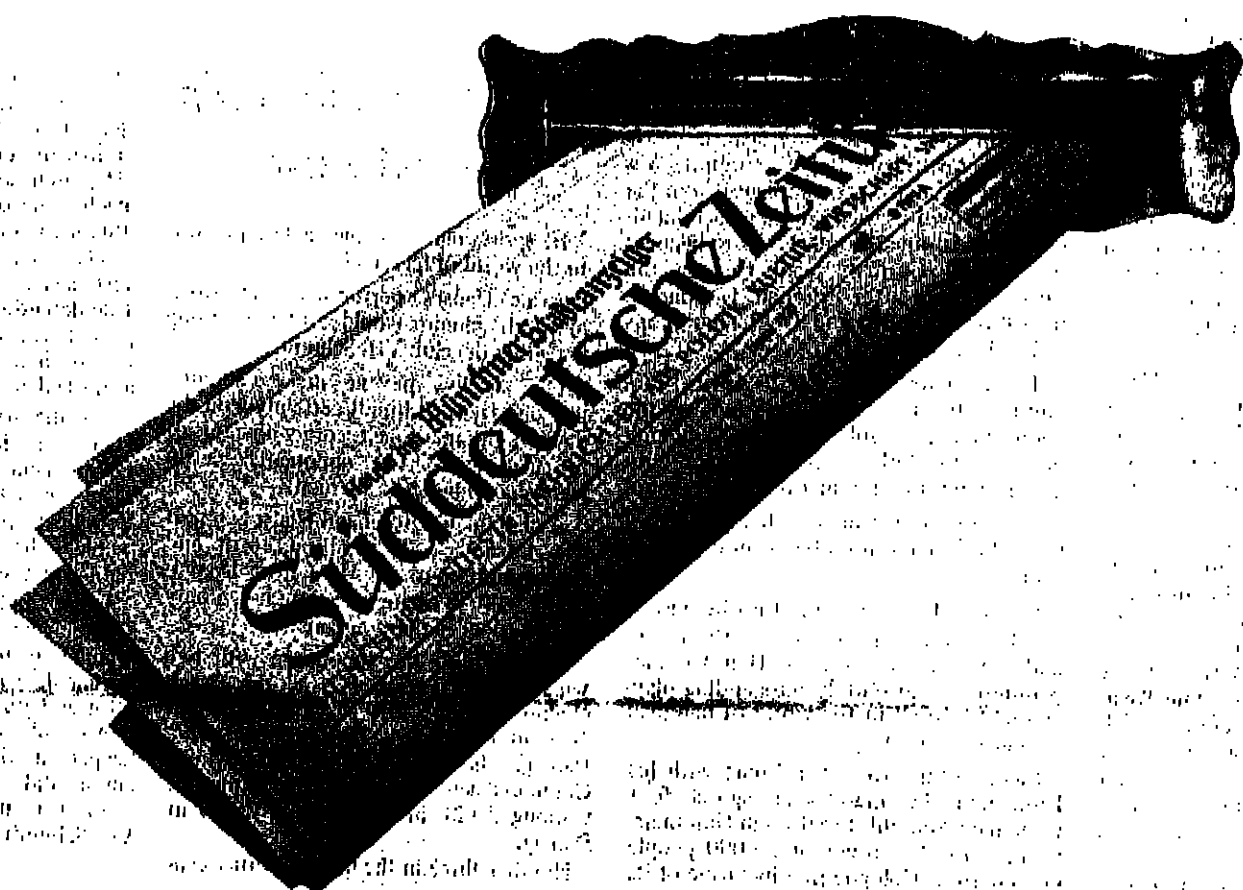
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Moderation permeates SPD party conference



Delegates to the Social Democratic party conference in Saarbrücken were wished a Happy Whitsun at the end of the fourth and final day of debate. Willy Brandt, re-elected chairman, had instilled in them a fair degree of confidence that the party would do well in the forthcoming state elections.

Following the elections to the party executive, Brandt and the Social Democratic Ministers in his government returned to Bonn strengthened and relieved. The vote of confidence in the conference represented will prove useful for the Kassel talks with GDR Premier Willi Stoph.

It is neither a sign of unthinking support nor a guarantee of support in the future, though. The Social Democratic Party is far from being the Chancellor's party. Future conferences will not rubber-stamp the leadership's policies either. They will assess and reformulate them.

The Social Democrats are in the process of coming to terms with office but the will to maintain and extend positions of power will never be their main political

tighten up compulsory purchase regulations.

Left-wing motions were defeated with the aid of a stratagem angrily christened the voting guillotine by its victims but the party leadership must not succumb to the illusion that it will always be able to lead a pragmatic approach to victory.

Willy Brandt gained time but the extraordinary party conference on tax reform and distribution of wealth that he was forced to concede will lead to fresh obstacles prior to the 1973 elections. There will be further tough internal debate on the party's outlook on society and welfare policy. The Bad Godesberg manifesto will not be abandoned in the foreseeable future but it will continually be reinterpreted.

Management, which took careful note of the Saarbrücken conference, need not be alarmed by the activation of socially progressive ideas advocated by Herbert Wehner.

The party leadership will nonetheless have to work hard to reconcile excessive demands for greater social justice among party members with the need not to upset the economy. Brandt has yet to accomplish a diplomatic masterpiece in this sector.

His forecasts for the forthcoming decade nonetheless represent a first, verbal attempt to plan social policy in advance on a long-term basis and so to meet left-wing demands half way without threatening the economy with socialist experiments.

At Saarbrücken many a delegate realised for the first time that the conference resolutions of a governing party cannot be equated with the bolder decisions of a party in opposition. A single anecdote will suffice to illustrate the difference. While in opposition conference would have had a whip-round for the victims of flooding in the Saar. On this occasion, a government



The four-day Social Democratic party conference in Saarbrücken ended on 15 May with the election of the new executive. Chancellor Willy Brandt (centre) was re-elected party chairman, polling 318 out of a possible 331 votes. His deputies, Parliamentary party chairman Herbert Wehner (left) and Defence Minister Helmut Schmidt (right) were also re-elected by convincing majorities. Horst Ehmke, Minister without portfolio with responsibility for the Chancellor's Office, is on the Chancellor's left. (Photo: dpa)

Minister after consultation with the Chancellor immediately announced that Bonn would launch a nationwide relief programme.

Realising one's own self-importance can, of course, prove dangerous. The left-wing opposition within the party ought never to forget that in a parliamentary democracy that they do not want to jeopardise they will always be dependent on the support of the electorate.

Willy Brandt, Herbert Wehner and Helmut Schmidt did not forget that in the present administration they are dependent on the support of a coalition partner. It was often enough on the Free Democrats' account that Chancellor Brandt came to the rescue at Saarbrücken in forestalling obligations that cannot be undertaken by the present coalition.

The Social Democrats will not for all time feel bound in solidarity and gratitude to their coalition partner but for the time being the leadership is interested in maintaining the coalition for the duration

of the present legislative period. The government will thus not enter into worker's participation in management.

If Brandt is able to make use of the time gained at Saarbrücken to consolidate his government, to control price increases, maintain economic growth and full employment and achieve success in this policy towards the Eastern Bloc, he will continue to keep a firm hold on his party.

His authority will continue to be enough to convince the left wing of the need to keep to a policy of moderate reform in view of election necessities.

A battered Brandt in a battered government would find it more difficult to apply the brakes to the left wing or to prevent them from gaining support from a rank-and-file disappointed by the government's performance.

So it is that Willy Brandt in Bonn is not only deciding the course of his own government but also that of his party in the future.

Lothar Labusch
DPA, Bonn, 16 May 1970

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the four would-be newcomers will between them have enough votes to be able to exercise the right of veto.

Britain will have the same number of votes as France, Italy and this country, the three major members of the present Common Market.

It can only be hoped that despite difficulties on individual issues the economic dynamics of Western Europe, including the compulsion to join forces, will prevail.

As on past occasions this advance into 'virgin territory' as far as European integration is concerned can only be successfully accomplished stage by stage and from crisis to crisis.

The problem of political integration, postponed for the time being, is likely soon to become acute. Increasing economic, industrial and technological integration of the Continent will soon make joint political action essential.

(DPA, TAGESZEITUNG, 16 May 1970)

FOREIGN AFFAIRS

Geneva plays important negotiating stage in East-West detente

Geneva has of late merited more attention as an additional scene of Bonn's policy of relaxing tension with the East alongside Berlin, Warsaw, Moscow, Erfurt and Kassel.

The headquarters of numerous international organisations and sub-divisions of the UN, Geneva exercises an influence on multilateral politics that should not be underestimated in continuation of what governments attempt to initiate in bilateral talks.

What is more, developments in bilateral relations can to a certain extent be influenced or prejudiced by the Geneva scene.

Bonn is represented in Geneva by Ambassador Swidbert Schnippenkötter, who used to be this country's disarmament delegate, and a staff of for the most part young and alert officials.

For some time the Federal government seems to have been intent on utilising the opportunities Geneva provides as a proving ground for a more flexible policy towards the Eastern Bloc and on the German Question.

East Berlin's man Dr Siegfried Zachmann, a semi-diplomatic status "observer" who enjoys massive support from the Eastern Bloc delegations, is for that matter also bringing pressure to bear in Geneva with the aim of achieving the "uniting of Germany" under the leadership of his government has long desired.

This country's first attempt to grasp the detente initiative in Geneva rather than in conjunction with the Western Allies to stymie in response to Eastern Bloc moves as in the past has, sad to say, proved a failure.

It was at the beginning of April and the problem was that of GDR attendance at this year's general assembly of the UN Economic Commission for Europe. In weeks of behind-the-scenes talks Schnippenkötter tried to reach agreement between East and West on what was described as an informal, pragmatic solution. The legal aspect of the problem, particularly the matter of the delegation's status, was to remain unaffected.

Until 1958 the East Berlin delegation attended talks as adviser to the Soviet occupation forces, subsequently preferring not to take part because it felt discriminated against in view of the full membership accorded to the Federal Republic. It was now quietly to resume attendance as the official GDR delegation but without voting rights.

This suggestion reportedly met with the approval of both the Western powers and the Soviet Union but East Berlin is claimed to have insisted on all or nothing, in which it was backed by a number of Eastern Bloc delegations, particularly the Polish.

For their part the three Western powers are supposed to have made it clear at Geneva that they intend to uphold their responsibility for Germany as a whole and that as regards the legal status of the GDR and the ECE they went by Article 10 of the EEC statute, which refers to East Berlin's occupation zone status.

At all events the projected ECE arrangement did not materialise. This may partly have been due to the fact that it was already known that the Federal Republic would oppose the GDR's application for full membership of the World Health Organisation.

Bonn will hear nothing of this attitude necessarily appearing contradictory. Re-entry of GDR representatives into the ECE would not have involved a

change of status and not prejudiced arrangements with other UN bodies.

It would thus not have represented a break with Bonn's tenet that any status improvement of the GDR by way of admission to UN bodies ought to be dependent on tangible results of the intra-German dialogue.

The target of intra-German detente would, Bonn argued in canvassing votes against GDR membership of the WHO, be jeopardised were East Berlin without counter-concession allowed on the basis of the Vienna formula to become a member of other UN bodies.

West German diplomats in Geneva privately maintain that this policy line which it is their job to advocate would have proved virtually untenable in the WHO if the GDR had been admitted to the ECE under the designation "German Democratic Republic" and so in the eyes of the Third World appeared to have achieved a breakthrough.

Viewed from Geneva a fair number of factors would seem to be involved in deciding how long this breakthrough can be forestalled and what other international organisations would follow suit.

Whether East Berlin concedes the intra-German improvements Bonn demands or Bonn one day has to submit to the view voiced in Geneva by the Poles in particular that there can be no concessions in return for the recognition of realities will not, in the final analysis, clinch the issue.

The direct, immediate political and economic interests, links and inclinations on the basis of which individual delegations, particularly those of non-aligned and neutral countries, decide for or against GDR membership of one international organisation or the other are bound to prevail over the arguments of the two principal protagonists.

Political partnership within EEC must be the long-term aim

There was a far more political note to the establishment of the ECSC than there was to that of the Common Market. The political intentions behind coal and steel policy were, of course, fairly obvious. One of them, for instance, was to prevent Germany from building up an arms industry again.

At the same time, though, this country assumed political partnership in the gay beginnings of an integrated Europe.

In the case of the EEC political ambitions were classed as longer-term targets to be reached with the aid of the economy. Europe's lost verve was gradually to be reactivated.

In the ten years of the history of the Common Market this longer-term target slept a deep sleep but was never completely forgotten. The Six finally expressly remembered it at The Hague summit.

Nothing the EEC undertakes is non-political, mind you. Indirectly the enlargement of the Common Market to include Britain, Ireland and Scandinavian countries is a political act.

Work on the entry bids has made so much progress of late that the four applicants are officially to be invited to Luxembourg for entry negotiations on 30 June.

This may be no more than the implementation of a decision or the keeping

of a promise but it can nonetheless be rated as a success. Difficulties enough had to be overcome before full talks were possible.

They are to start in style but will soon have to get down the business. Satisfactory entry conditions must be negotiated for a Britain embedded in its Commonwealth and on the brink of a general election.

In addition to a policy of completion and expansion the EEC has also undertaken to get down to foreign policy — the real thing. It now looks as though expansion and foreign policy are clashing. Foreign Ministers compile documents on closer foreign policy cooperation but the verse is missing.

Whitehall would like to participate in this preliminary work but France objects and is only in favour of a close political framework in order to ensure that member-countries do not pursue policies that are completely at odds with one another.

As a result the Six will presumably remain on their own and doubtless only half-heartedly at that.

Is the Western European Union a way out of the problem? France intends to resume full and active membership of the WEU shortly and Britain is a member. France will no longer oppose political talks at WEU meetings but on the other hand debate does not lead to binding decisions and will not be so unless fundamental changes are made to the WEU's functions.

Maxim Fackler

(Süddeutsche Zeitung, 43 May 1970)

The degree of dependence, reliance or relationship with one or other of the great powers will play an important role in the prospect of more development aid or trade policy concessions.

One factor is of more importance, though. It has become increasingly apparent over recent months that limits of the political and diplomatic leeway allowed Bonn and East Berlin both in Geneva and in respect of relations with the United Nations and other organisations — are to be found at point where the Allies of the Second World War feel their own rights, interests to be affected.

As far as they and many other countries are concerned GDR membership of UN organisations is not merely a matter of an extra vote for the East Bloc or of the principle of non-representation being followed.

Even Eastern Bloc countries in the West have been known unofficially to, anxiety lest the GDR, economically politically powerful as it undoubtedly manoeuvre itself into too important position once it gains admission to organisations.

In talks with both Eastern and Western delegates it transpires that a long worry is that of the two Germanys with the political and economically powerful influence they would be joining forces after progressing the present confrontation to a co-existence and cooperation.

Anxiety lest this prove to be consequence of detente between the parts of Germany and the East and West in general is voiced in part by who in the past accused Bonn of pursuing a far too rigid policy towards the East.

Co-existence of the two Germanys in UN organisations, not to mention General Assembly, which presupposes the defusing of the enemy-state articles of the UN Charter can thus clearly be but the final step in the process of gaining confidence leading to genuine relaxation of tension and a lasting peace settlement.

In Geneva, where despite differences between the various delegations from East and West the amount of work in progress is extremely long term prospects of something a sort coming about seem just as good as those of the two resident representatives of the two German states one day hands in spite of everything and down to objective political talks.

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POLITICS

All is far from quiet on the SPD front

Chancellor Willy Brandt, chairman of the Social Democratic Party, is visibly disquieted. He has noticed that things could be going awry. He even stood at the speaker's desk and read a petition from thirty-one delegates from six various regions on Vietnam and Cambodia. Obviously the Young Socialists are behind it.

Willy Brandt, wearing a blue suit and with his usual sultan, tried to give reassurances.

The petition that had suddenly been dropped on the speaker's desk stated: "The defence of democracy and freedom has been used as a pretext for fighting a brutal imperialist war in South-East Asia designed to stamp out great sections of the populace and back up American vested interests."

SPD youth speaks out

Young Socialists in opposition to the Social Democratic establishment published a "pragmatic paper" as a satirical jibe at the progress of the party conference in Saarbrücken.

"Conference," the draft went, "emphatically demands that all be done that needs to be done. Far too little was done in the past. There could be grave consequences if more is not done."

"Conference emphatically condemns the party executive's failure in the past to do everything that could have been done. The executive then counters with the following motion: 'Conference calls on the party executive to do everything to ensure all is done that needs to be done. All other motions are thus covered.'"

(Münchener Merkur, 13 May 1970)

The petition goes on to talk of increased Fascism in American society. No wonder Willy Brandt looked concerned. If such a motion were passed at the meeting his foreign policy and that of his coalition partner Walter Scheel whose name was mentioned repeatedly by prominent SPD members at this conference, would be compromised.

The petition was presented by Karsten Voigt, chairman of the Young Socialists, who was not originally to be a delegate at this conference but stepped in due to the indisposition of a delegate from his district.

In comparison to the vehemence of this resolution the committee's motion which in accordance with the Socialist International deplores the American march into Cambodia, is tame.

The speakers who followed Voigt were as unbending as he himself in this question and in the matter of Greece. They are calling for Greece's membership of Nato to be suspended and for a cessation of weapon supplies to Greece.

The Party committee called on Ministers Horst Ehmke and Helmut Schmidt and then on Chancellor Brandt himself with all his prestige.

He said: "The war in South-East Asia should not cause a split in the Party at this conference."

The radical petition was finally defeated. With slight modifications the

committee's motion was passed. But the young left-wingers had had their say. They fight and they provoke and they received applause.

They had already shown that they bite as well as bark a few hours earlier. With a complicated debate on Party organisational business they had caused a digression of over an hour at the Party conference.

On most points they suffered defeat in the end. But two points made by them got through: For the duration of this conference all boards were to sit before the public and modifications were to be made to the "block system" for elections to the committee, which has often been hotly attacked.

This is one of the paradoxes of this Party conference which was anything but a victory celebration for the SPD after the government changeover in Bonn.

On one side there was the Party Establishment giving its annual report and then sitting back to hear a debate which would be a pean of praise to what had been achieved.

On the other hand there were the Young Socialists and the young rebels for whom the ritual of the Party conference with its interminable speeches and other formalities was alien.

What they want is more discussion, discussion as they understand it, which knows no bounds or limitations.

One of the Establishment is, quite naturally, Herbert Wehner who still seems to be indispensable for the Party, although he occasionally speaks of those "who still have something to look forward to" which presumably indicates that he has resigned himself to the fact that he has little to look forward to.

He spoke for more than an hour, and the relentless volume of his voice during that period was astonishing. Basically his report was a sober reflection of what the SPD Parliamentary Party has achieved in the last two years.

Even when he is speaking of such banal achievements as the Regensburg-Passau autobahn or industrial developments in the Saar he gives the impression that he considers these a wonder of the world before which all his enemies and the enemies of the SPD should cower in awe.

He quoted extracts from a Gustav Heinemann speech with such explosive force that he seemed to be pointing out to the President what the words really meant and how they should have been delivered.

Herbert Wehner received applause at the end of his speech and the sheer physical effort he put into it, it must be agreed, was impressive.



Günter Grass in conversation with Defence Minister Helmut Schmidt (left) and Jochen Vogel (right) Mayor of Munich at the SPD party conference in Saarbrücken

Günter Grass speaks to the SPD on the SPD

Internationally famous author Günter Grass addressed delegates to the Social Democratic Party conference in Saarbrücken. For many a long year voters in this country have been silent, but now, since the 1969 election, they have begun to voice opinions.

This new political interest, has been the result of bright ideas emanating from the Social Democratic Party and its supporters.

Günter Grass maintained that the Social Democratic Party, once an active member of the Grand Coalition, was badly in need of support in the early part of last year, when the Grand Coalition had a lamming influence on the Party.

Still further the younger generation impregnated with the habits of protest no longer saw the cool calculations of power politics as worthy of support. The Grand Coalition alienated youth.

According to Grass the Party had given too much attention to the division of the generations and insufficient attention to immediate political problems.

The Social Democrats lack a valid theory. They can neither turn towards the father figures of Marxism nor fashion a streamlined belief in progress by means of a pragmatic approach.

Grass continued that there was a danger of the SPD as a political organisation not being sufficiently aware of the ultimate effects of its policies, and falling short of its own standards.

The party should not allow the merits and result of its own policies to be ruined by a kind of general "Bollahn-ism".

Günter Grass said: "When I compare the case of Bollahn in Bremen with that of Littmann in Frankfurt, when I consider how much intrigue went on within the Party, and call upon experience to solve the problems, experience that I have gained in Berlin or Baden-Württemberg, the number of fossils I find lying around would be enough to make up a fair-sized cemetery, whose gravestones inscriptions, left and right, cannot elicit any pity in me."

In Günter Grass's opinion it was the task of people who voted SPD not to leave the Party on its own but to open it up from the outside, and give it a good airing. The SPD should not, he continued, be afraid to utilise the knowledge and the unrest of its voters.

In the contradictory juxtaposition of reason, expressed in scepticism, and irrationality, which is expressed in totalitarianism, Günter Grass carries the standard of critical rationality amid the applause of the Party conference and the encouragement and thanks of Herbert Wehner.

(Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung für Deutschland, 13 May 1970)



Walter Möller (left) and Norbert Gansel, leaders of the Young Socialist delegation at Saarbrücken (Photos: dpa)

HOME AFFAIRS

An alternative National Day - 18 January

With the exception of 17 June and 1 May all public holidays in this country are Christian festivals. Germans are traditionally a people that take great pleasure in public holidays. Many nations in the Christian world do not celebrate two days at Christmas, Easter and Whitsun. Good Friday and Ascension Day are also public holidays by law and Catholics celebrate Corpus Christi while Protestants have their day of prayer and repentance. Other days like Epiphany on 6 January and Reformation Day are not general public holidays but are respected by state schools.

All these public holidays are publicly celebrated. It is not only the churches that honour the days with special religious ceremonies. Amusements that are not thought compatible to the character of the holiday are forbidden and radio and television programmes also bear this in mind when arranging schedules.

Attempt to change Basic Law

More than ten years ago one influential constitutional lawyer in the Federal Republic attacked the creators of Basic Law as not being particularly blessed with imagination when they used the old legislative divisions of the

Since then Basic Law's federal structure and the division of responsibility between central government and Federal states has become and increasing irritation that obstructs unified solution of urgent problems — and not only in the educational sphere. There have already been demands for a total revision of Basic Law.

Basic Law envisages three types of legislation: the exclusive legislation of the central government that completely excludes all initiatives by Federal states; concurrent legislation where Federal states can act only if the central government does not control the sphere in question and finally framework legislation. In the latter the central government can only draw up the general framework.

Concurrent and framework legislation has resulted in the criticism, accepted in part by the Federal states, that their powers should be restricted so that unified solutions could be enforced throughout the Federal Republic.

No clear guiding thought can be seen in the list of objects for which the central government has framework powers under Basic Law. The press and films are included, along with nature conservation and payment of wages.

But framework powers do little to guarantee unified regulation. This is shown by the Federal states' varying pay regulations. Federal Home Affairs Minister Hans Dietrich Genscher has therefore announced a bill to amend Basic Law so that pay regulations can be brought into concurrent legislation.

Basic Law has drawn up a 25-point list for this area of concurrent responsibility. The central government can deal with the areas of the economy, labour, welfare, civil law, the penal code and the furtherance of scientific research.

But it has long been clear that this list is inadequate. At present a re-division of powers for the purification of water and the atmosphere and for noise abatement is being discussed. (Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung, 4 May 1970)

All children here celebrate St Nicholas' Day and Catholic children at least celebrate St Martin's Day. What singles Germans out from almost every other nation is that there is no single holiday for children or adults in this country that is not of Christian origin or Christian tradition. 17 June is not a holiday but a day of grief and meditation.

The provisional nature of the Federal Republic was given a symbolic day with the 17 June. The Day of German Unity expresses the fragmentary nature of the Federal Republic as far as territory is concerned.

It must be the only National Day that does not proudly celebrate what has been achieved but looks sorrowfully at what has not been achieved.

This day commemorating the courageous revolt of workers against communist oppression on 17 June, 1953 in East Berlin was a source of embarrassment from the very beginning. No one knows how the nation can celebrate the day but there is more to it than this.

Politicians have long called for contacts with people in the German Democratic Republic (GDR), even Communists. They have had official meetings and helped in their small way the progress of inter-German détente.

But on 17 June they all had to stand at the demarcation line with torch ablaze and speak of inalienable human rights, the right to be united and the injustice of Bolshevism.

public holiday for political reasons. Even without the new developments in inter-German relations, the day would have to have been given up as it was never accepted as a national day by the population of the Federal Republic and could never be.

The present Bundestag session will probably abolish 17 June and replace it with a proper day of national celebration. But on which day would that be held?

8 May, the anniversary of the capitulation in 1945, can be ruled out unless the Federal Republic is to include itself among the victorious powers as Communists in the other part of Germany do.

It could be held on 29 September, the day of St Michael, patron saint of the Germans. But this choice would be an escape into the non-political sphere and can no longer be recommended in view of the relationship between Church, State and society that is daily becoming more and more lukewarm and indifferent.

Although 20 July 1944 takes up a morally honourable place in German history it must still be ruled out. In all its essential political decisions the Federal

Republic has acted against the ideas of those people who instigated the attempt on Hitler's life and the subsequent coup d'état. Again a failure and not an achievement would form the basis for national celebrations.

The only date left is 18 January, the day when the German Empire was founded in 1871 and the actual day of German unity. By choosing this day the Federal Republic would be acknowledging the continuity of German history and the national State.

At the same time it would honour the peace policy of the founder of the Empire and repudiate the ideologies imposed upon it by the bad consciences of the governing generation — the pacifists, the Europeans and supra-nationalists and the unhistorical anti-Prussians who see a gradual decline from Luther to Frederick the Great and thence to Bismarck.

18 January would be a good day for public celebration — and it could be celebrated right away as a centenary. It would be a day when our country could return at last to political normalcy and recognise itself in a great historical act.

Johannes Gross
(CHRIST UND WELT, 8 May 1970)

Away with oaths call by the President

It has been no secret that the Federal Republic President, Gustav Heinemann, favours the liberal wing of the Social Democratic Party. This is shown once again by the discussions he began on the subject of abolishing oaths of office.

Apart from the President the Free Democrats in North-Rhine Westphalia have also given their attention to this matter. At the Party conference they decided to abolish the idea of officials and military men swearing on oath of office was declared "incompatible with the democratic spirit of our constitution."

The Party considered that "loyalty towards a democratic employer and democratic laws conforming to our constitution" must be a matter of fact for every democrat without his having to swear an oath to this effect.

In President Heinemann's opinion, a formal declaration of loyalty should not be abolished without further ado, but should be replaced by a professional code of honour for officials and men serving in the armed forces.

A similar procedure would apply to witnesses in a court of law. The motivation behind an official, a military man or a witness should be a call of honour.

Oaths, even in their secular form, stem from religious sources. Religious principles, however, are no longer generally binding for a pluralistic society.

It remains to be seen whether the new practice in this sphere will conform to the realities. (Handelsblatt, 24 April 1970)

Review life sentences after twenty years, Minister says

In a newspaper interview Federal Justice Minister Gerhard Jahn asked whether all criminals serving life sentences should not have their case reviewed after a period of twenty years.

The Minister made this proposal with the aim of having the two central issues in the penal code — guilt and rehabilitation into society — dealt with practically and sensibly.

Gerhard Jahn's suggestion is basically the logical extension of the new regulations in the general section of the penal code. These refer to rehabilitation as the meaning and purpose of punishment.

With this proposal Jahn has touched upon the whole problem of life sentences, the part of the legal system dealt with by sixteen professors in the latest plan for reform entitled *Punishable Offences against Persons*.

The professors question life sentences as they destroy the personality and are therefore inhumane. These are the same objections as those put forward by Jahn.

If life sentences are not abolished at the present stage of the discussion Jahn should grasp the initiative and put his views into practice.

(Frankfurter Rundschau, 5 May 1970)

Government publishes interim report on the state of the press

A government bill is now in preparation to introduce annual press statistics at Federal level. This is revealed in an interim report on the state of the press and broadcasting that has just been published in Bonn. It is estimated that the first statistics will be for the year 1971.

In the interim report the government said it believed that freedom of the press and freedom of expression of opinion in the Federal Republic was guaranteed always had been.

According to the report the "press scene" in 1969 was characterised by a main factor:

1. No significant changes in the distribution of press concentration and cooperation was weaker than in 1967 and 1968.
2. Capital involvement of "potentially considerable importance" in the political press.
3. A favourable economic development in both fields.

The number of daily papers fell from 150 to 146 in 1969. The government points out that this is the smallest decrease for several years.

But owing to increased competition publishers' agreements on declining a competitive area and newspaper close the number of papers with up-to-date minute local and regional news has still further.

The number of urban and rural districts with only one paper increased from 15 in September 1967 to 173 at the end of 1969, or 31.4 per cent of all urban and rural districts. More than one fifth of the population live in districts that have only one paper.

As examples of capital involvement in periodicals, the government referred to the Bertelsmann group's twenty per share in Gruner & Jahr in Hamburg and Gruner & Jahr's ninety per cent share in the Kindler and Schlemmer publishing house.

It also mentioned the merger of publishers like Droemer and von Sierck where papers like the *Saarbrücker Zeitung* were involved.

The average circulation of daily newspapers and their advertising news were shown by the government investigation to have developed favourably. At the end of 1969 the total circulation figure averaged 22.5 million.

In its report the government went aloof from plans for independent radio and television. It stressed that this type demand considerable financial expenditure and would have to be met from the local advertising market. On effects on the existence of smaller newspapers cannot be ruled out, the report says.

The report also raises serious questions to the advisability of the press having complete or predominant control of private broadcasting ventures as this would contravene the principle of dividing power in the sphere of press and broadcasting.

The government did not make a definite statement on the use of the per hertz wavelength applied for by private operators. The report states, "It will be decided until the worldwide broadcasting administration conference for space broadcasting service in 1971" section of the wavelength from 11.7 to 12.7 gigahertz will be allotted to broadcasting on Earth.

Moves by publicly-owned broadcasting stations to extend schools, educational television — could mean additional frequencies would have to be made available.

(Kleiner Nachrichten, 6 May 1970)

RELIGIOUS AFFAIRS

Protestant Church threatened with lasting division



After 25 years of unity German Protestantism is faced by the ruins of the Protestant Church in Germany (EKD) and a split into an Eastern and a Western Church.

This is a late result of the consolidation of two separate States in that part of the former Reich that has remained German. The cause of this ecclesiastical division is unecumenical — pressure from the Socialist Unity Party (SED).

German Protestantism must now develop new separate forms of church organisation in the two German territories. These forms must comply with the political, social and spiritual conditions on both sides of the Elbe-Saale line dividing the two Germanies. Only then can there be any prospect of the Churches fulfilling their function in their sphere of action.

A beginning has been made in the German Democratic Republic (GDR). The new League of Evangelical Churches in the GDR does at least offer the opportunity of seeking renovation jointly, in cooperation with all churches in the GDR.

The Church, now shrunk into a minority position, must throw overboard the ballast of ecclesiastical organisation that is now proving an obstacle. Instead it must develop relevant, modest, effective forms that can be supported by those people who are still Protestants.

The Protestant Church is in the middle of a sobering-up process in Germany. The extent to which this is affecting Protestantism in the Federal Republic can be seen at the EKD synod in Stuttgart, or to be more accurate, the synod of churches in the Federal Republic and West Berlin.

The Church must make a new beginning in the Federal Republic as in the GDR. One obstacle is that there is no political pressure here. The depth of the crisis is hidden as the name and organs of the EKD continue to exist in the West.

But GDR members have been amputated, leaving behind a deep wound. Will the patient recover? Or is the Western EKD torso condemning itself to continuing infirmity by refusing to free itself from the past and face the future?

The EKD synod has lost all its former importance. It is dead and was dead long before the 42 members from the GDR withdrew to form the League of Churches. The all-German synod was once the mouthpiece of German Protestantism, its debates and decisions showed what was affecting the movement and what it had to contribute to the spiritual and political reconstruction of Germany.

That time is long past. The synod's power was exhausted before the erection of the Berlin Wall ruled out joint meetings. Since then it has had no power at all, to the detriment of the Evangelical Church. The failure of the synod led to a withering of the other leading organs of the EKD, showing that in post-war German Protestantism the synodal principle had become the principle of ecclesiastical life.

It is true that the EKD's official bureaux have continued to function. The Church Chancery for the Interior, the Foreign Office, the Chambers and committees still do their work.

They have also opened up new ways for the Church in memoranda and in walking the corridors and in private conversations as well as in speeches, working groups and resolutions was that the Church would do

But the uniting body, the body that determined the direction the Church was to take, declined with the synod. The EKD conscience grew silent. It was hardly realised that neglect in the sphere of education affected not only the life nerve of the German nation but also the heart of the Evangelical Church.

The EKD could not even accomplish an adequate financial agreement between the Churches. This task, forced upon it by public anger, was technically so simple to carry out.

The most important move in German Protestantism occurred without the help of the EKD. This came about last spring when the spiritual opening of German Lutherism resulted in the overcoming of the sixteenth-century confessional boundaries between Protestants.

The present age has become a witness of the decay in the EKD's spiritual powers. Is there any prospect of a turn for the better? The dramatic resignation of Hans Puttfarcken, the synod chairman, shortly before the opening of this synod because of irreconcilable differences of interpretation of questions of legal forms could have a purifying effect.

It shows that this is not the time to avoid decisions by fleeing into the jungle of legal theories. First the seats in the synod and EKD council vacated by the GDR members must be filled. Keeping these seats free as a gesture would only be food for dreamers who consider reunification possible in the foreseeable future.

But these are organisational questions. The important thing here is to attract the younger generation and people with a critical imagination.

The tasks facing the Church demand all its powers if the contribution of the Evangelical Church is once again to gain importance. The synod must prepare the ground for this. Its main task is to determine the Protestant way into the future in the West of the divided country.

Karl-Alfred Oltin
(Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung, 5 May 1970)



Dr Ludwig Raiser was elected to be head of the Protestant Church in Germany at its fourth synod in Stuttgart. Bishop Kurt Scharf (right) is the deputy chairman of the EKD Council. (Photo: dpa)

Commission proposes no divorce in first year of marriage

The marital law commission of the Federal Ministry of Justice has proposed that divorces should be forbidden by law in the first year of marriage.

After two years work the commission presented its first two reports to Justice Minister Gerhard Jahn on 8 May. In thirteen theses on the reform of divorce law it proposed that the failure of a marriage should be the criterion for a divorce while the question of guilt should no longer play any part.

In future a divorce should be given if the two parties have been living apart for twelve months and agree to a divorce or, in cases of dispute, where couples have been living apart for more than five years.

In particularly difficult cases of dispute the commission proposes a hardship clause where a divorce cannot be granted against the wished of one of the parties if it

would be extraordinarily harsh or unjust because of special personal relations or if it meant serious economic hardship for the couple concerned or their children.

But this hardship clause would lose its validity if the couple had been separated for five years.

In fifteen further theses on the reform of the law of maintenance, the commission advocates a future change in the social insurance law, the civil service law and welfare law with the aim of introducing special social security for married women so that the financial dependence of a divorcee could be overcome.

Maintenance after a divorce could be claimed only if a return to work is unreasonable or if living off other income is impossible.

(DER TAGESSPIEGEL, 9 May 1970)

Ex-priests discuss their problems at Munich conference

better to discuss the more important questions asked by people today.

This work of enlightenment to influence public opinion — taken by itself a backward looking phenomenon — was still necessary, participants at the congress said, because theological findings made a long time ago are blocked by antiquated ideas within the Church and its hierarchy.

After a lot of work in smaller groups the anonymous view of the congress seemed to be that priesthood was not a rank or continual ordination but a function in which every Christian has specific share.

103 priests without office were interviewed in a survey and the results were submitted to the congress. None of them wanted to carry out the old-style priest's function as a married man but almost all of them would like to be of future service to the Church in one way or another.

The majority had given up their position because of the ruling that priests must remain celibate. Only a few had lost their belief. Many, however, resigned be-

cause of the problems involved in an antiquated priesthood.

The theological developments outlined here were most clearly expressed by those theologians who were still in office and not by those priests who had resigned.

Those priests who have given up their office and formed groups in Munich, Frankfurt and Cologne describe themselves as "priests without office." This is intended to express their readiness to cooperate in the Church's renovation if the official Church attitude changes. This is already possible in many spheres in some bishoprics; Hesse is one example.

The following resolutions were made and passed on to bishop in this country: the ex-priests rejected the accusation of disloyalty made when they gave up their office; the Church's obligations to ex-priests should be carried out — this occurred only in half the cases recorded; ex-priests should be allowed to remain in the service of the Church without detrimental or senseless duties and obligations such as a change of residence or a quiet wedding; and the problem of priesthood and celibacy must not be omitted from the 1972 synod.

The chairman of this country's Episcopal Conference did not think that he could accept the invitation to attend this congress. But he did send his representative on the final day.

Hans-Joachim Thiel
(Frankfurter Neue Presse, 9 May 1970)

CULTURAL AFFAIRS

More money needed for more efficient public lending library system



In a Hamburg municipal library a strapping fifty-year-old woman said to the librarian: "Young man, I want something on love. If you know anything about that."

In a Cologne library an eight-year-old lad went up to the librarian and told him that he too was writing a novel. When asked how much of it he had already completed the boy said proudly: "Two pages. It's in my school exercise book."

School boys and adults of 45 and over are the most common users of public lending libraries.

In the Federal Republic there are about ten thousand public libraries for them with a stock of 29,900,000 books. Every subject under the sun is treated in these from cook book to *Kamasutra*, from Bible to ballistics, from Lenin to Lieder.

Very few people in fact take advantage of this education offered gratis. According to Dr Gustav Sichelshmidt of the America Memorial Library only three per cent of the people in this country are regular users of public library facilities.

This average figure does not take any account of regional variations. Hanover's municipal library, for example, proudly claims that fifteen per cent of the citizens of Hanover use the library at some time. And it must be taken into account that

country, particularly in rural areas, do not have library facilities in their vicinity.

"Librarians would be satisfied if on average ten per cent of people in this country were to use the facilities they offer," said Guido Hilger of the Federal Republic Librarians Association in Berlin.

This ideal figure is not even recorded in Cologne, the fourth largest city of the Federal Republic, which has twenty six public libraries. Of 800,000 citizens of Cologne 60,000 are entered in the files of the *Stadtbibliothek*.

What Dr Sichelshmidt said applies to the majority of working adults here: "The public hardly takes any notice of libraries."

Why is this? Dr Horst Tümmers who has been head of Cologne's *Stadtbibliothek* since August 1969 complained: "People just don't see our small premises."

He is hoping for a new central library to be built on the Neumarkt, which "with the help of God and the politicians" should be begun at long last next year.

Even the people who see the small premises often have to return empty handed since the open libraries in the Federal Republic are only open in exceptional cases.

Take Essen for a typical example: On Mondays books are only loaned out in the afternoon, Wednesdays and Saturdays only two hours in the morning. And on the three other days of the week potential readers arriving at mid-day find the premises bolted and barred. When then should a working man or woman go to the library to borrow books?

Just how much longer hours of opening would add to libraries being used is shown by Scandinavia and Britain. The

Public indifference and therefore empty reading rooms is the major problem facing lending libraries in the Federal Republic.

(Photo: dpa)

library in Göteborg in Sweden is open from eight in the morning until ten at night. A businessman in Birmingham can obtain books daily from eight until eight. The result is thirty per cent of people in Birmingham read in the public library.

Longer opening hours are an essential if libraries want to serve citizens as a centre of information and education. In the Federal Republic the excuse for the locked doors is shortage of staff.

In fact behind the locked doors the staff that libraries have been able to employ are busy, sorting books, putting them in order, cataloguing them, registering them and sending out warnings about overdue books.

Most of these chores could be taken over by electronic data processing, but with a few exceptions - Bochum and Berlin for instance - the computer age has made no mark on libraries. Rationalisation costs money.

In a report from the Federal Republic Panel for Adult Education it is stated, "the book is the basis of all education." But education in this country must be cheap.

Keeping a library is one of the so-called voluntary services of individual towns and cities. When councils find the petty cash running short the first inroads are made into allocations offered to libraries, although as Dr Tümmers has said, "education investments only begin to pay off in the long term."

North Rhine-Westphalia's Education Ministry has allocated 2.7 million Marks for the state libraries for 1970. But this

Theatre audiences decline and decline

Overall attendance at the ten theatres in the state of Hesse, including the Bad Hersfeld festival, fell by more than 50,000 in the 1968/69 theatrical season. Seventy-four fewer performances were seen by 2,222,747 people.

The largest fall in attendance was registered at Giessen civic theatre (33,000), Frankfurt municipal theatre (23,000) and Wiesbaden state theatre (22,500).

Increases of 24,000, 27,000 and 5,000 were, on the other hand, achieved by Rhine-Main state theatre, Darmstadt state theatre and Kleines Theater am Zoo respectively.

(Frankfurter Neue Presse, 29 April 1970)

shared among the 3,000 libraries in the state is little more than drop in the ocean, according to Dr Tümmers.

The total budget for all libraries in the Federal Republic last year was 150 million Marks. But of this budget only twenty per cent can be given over to new books. Guido Hilger in Berlin said: "We need twice as much as money."

Of the 3.8 million Mark budget for Cologne libraries in 1969 2.5 million went on salaries alone. Only 500,000 Marks could be spent on books. This was sufficient for about 2,000 new publications. But each year about 25,000 new German-language titles are published.

The situation is even worse in small towns, for instance Celle. Celle has an independent council and therefore receives no subsidies. The city authorities scraped together 44,000 Marks for new books and left themselves broke.

Brigitte Weber, head of the Celle *Stadtbibliothek* said: "Small general libraries can no longer meet the public's requirements particularly on specialist topics, such as psychology or space travel."

More and more readers are calling for educational books rather than books only read for pleasure during leisure hours. Figures for loans on text books have risen immensely in recent years in comparison to those for so-called light literature. But what use can a reader in 1970 find in a technical book published in 1960?

In North Rhine-Westphalia a circulating library has been established but this is only as good as its budget. If new publications are out of print immediately in one district people there will not be keen to lend them out to neighbouring districts.

Librarians are calling for new legislation granting money for libraries to local authorities that cannot afford them.

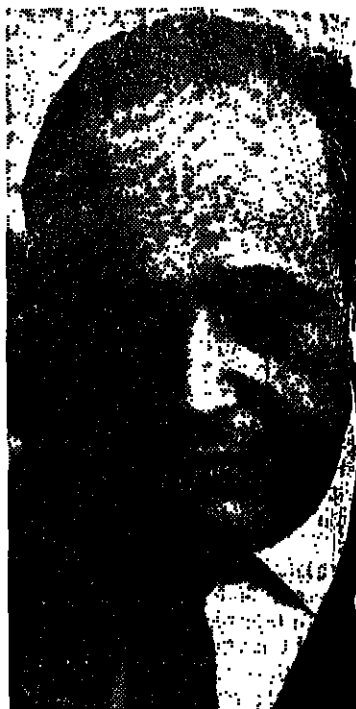
In addition to these suggestions are being made for making national scientific libraries and university libraries available to members of the general public.

So far only progressive Hesse has taken the initiative. New libraries legislation is at present receiving its second reading in the Hesse provincial assembly.

But Horst Tümmers in Cologne is optimistic and thinks that concerted action by librarians in the future will solve many of the problems and shortcomings in the system.

Dörte Voland

(Kölnischer Stadt-Anzeiger, 6 May 1970)



Paul Celan
(Photo: Harald Ma)

Death-obsessed Celan dies

Death is an expert of German origin. These words are from Paul Celan's *Todesfuge* (Fuge of Death), one of a few poems that has been able to come the horrors of Nazi concentration camps into words.

Celan's lyrical works centred on death and ephemerality. Now Celan's self has chosen death.

Celan was one of the most real poets of the post-war era and won prizes for his works, including the G. Büchner Prize, the Bremen Arts Prize, the North Rhine-Westphalia Art Prize.

But in recent years the fervour surrounding him has died down. His volumes of poetry which are nevertheless full of content remain, *Mohn und Dächlein*, *Von Schwelle zu Schwelle*, *Sprachgitter*.

His poems were like litanies, of love, death, decay and subjection.

Celan was born in 1920 in Czernowitz. His parents died in a concentration camp and he made his way via Rumania, Vienna and Paris where he studied cinema and then linguistics. He lived in 1948 onwards in Paris.

His first anthologies of poetry published in the early 1950s. These were followed by praise and a degree of scandal. In 1960 he was accused of plagiarism by Ivan Goll's widow but received backing from many writers. He was teacher of literature in Paris and translated works from French and Russian.

Public appearances were not Celan's forte. He was a soft-spoken man.

(NEUE RUHR ZEITUNG, 6 May 1970)

Beethoven Prize awarded

Bonn's Beethoven Prize for 1970 was handed by the city's mayor to composer Klaus Huber.

Huber received the award for his choral work *Tenebrae*.

An immediate impression of the depth of this work was given by the Beethovenhalle Orchestra conducted by Volker Gehrmann.

(Hannoversche Allgemeine Zeitung, 8 May 1970)

MODERN LIVING

International Design Centre opened in West Berlin

The revolving glass doors of West Berlin's International Design Centre have recently been opened to the general public. Visitors first have to work their way through a wall of plastic panels proclaiming slogans such as "Can the future be saved?" and "Grass widows."

Once this is done - and no particular difficulties arise - the visitor enters a darkened room in which parodies of advertising slogans succeed one another on six screens. They are followed by a third room in which Man's totally polluted environment - land, water and air - is highlighted.

Comic strips on revolving drums clearly indicate the dangers involved. The form is amusing; the content is not.

The visitor can also pick up telephone receivers and listen to a succession of famous texts, such as Hunderwasser's Green-Mould Manifesto, Mies van der Rohe's "Form as an Intellectual Principle" and Raoul Hausmann's "Appeal to the Imagination."

By this stage at the latest the visitor has the opportunity of making public his dissatisfaction or delight by writing his opinion on a stretch of wall provided for the purpose.

The visitor is invited to give his order of preference in the first-floor show of unjudged exhibits. Women are given ten red balls, men ten blue ones to award to the products of their choice.

Decision-making is always a tiresome business and no matter how good the idea of asking manufacturers questions about their exhibits was, the sight of rows of tastefully designed glasses, plates and cutlery arranged on tastefully designed tables surrounded by functional chairs is not really satisfying. A breath of sterility blows through the first floor.

The sheets attached to each exhibit are a mine of information, though. Each manufacturer was required to supply product data on one sheet of paper and answer three questions on another.

The questions were: - Why do you feel this product is a good product? What particular role was played by design as far as this product was concerned? In what ways is the product influenced by fashion and social trends?

It is interesting to see what some firms consider to be the final result of combined efforts. There is, for instance, an orange-coloured "Radio Armchair" costing 920 Marks that is made out to be social in design.

The right arm of the chair is wide enough to accommodate a small transistor radio, an ashtray and a glass. The left arm is, to all intents and purposes, withered. Neither a radio nor a glass could perch on it. What about the poor left-hander then?

It becomes apparent that exaggerated functionality and wooing of consumer favour by no means lead to ideal solutions. Out of spite, as it were, the reviewer's red balls were awarded to an oil-fired boiler, a streamlined automatic iron, a photo offset-machine and, as a change from functionality, a black-and-white ornamented velvet curtain.

"This product is a form," the attached sheet read. "Not a uniform. Not a reform. Not a platform." The curtain manufacturer would surely not be making fun of the Design Centre's questionnaire?

There can certainly be no doubt that the West Berlin Design Centre with its ambition and concentrated involvement has further-reaching ideas in mind. The ground-floor exhibition on the threat to our environment half asks the worried question "Can the designer save the world?"

This, at any rate, is the theme of the Design Centre's first brochure, which was published recently. The brochure contains comments by 46 designers, architects, educationalists, economists, sociologists, art historians, political scientists, philosophers and futurologists on pressing problems relating to dealing with the present.

Debate again centred round three issues: the shaping of a humane environment, the function of design and the possibilities open to the disciplines in question.

The brochure ranks among the most exciting reading in years. A number of fundamental ideas recur in many of the international contributions. They include, first and foremost:

- the mutual dependence of enforced consumption and inhumanity,
- the systematic destruction of a Nature felt to be inexhaustible and thus the self-destruction of Mankind,
- the increase in civilisation diseases, the pillorying of capitalist systems,
- and, finally, scepticism about the possibility of generating humanity through design at all.

To summarise it could be said that most comments do not reflect unbounded optimism. As Man's environment increasingly compels him to act in a certain way his leeway is radically reduced. As yet the appeals of people who are aware of what is happening are too hesitant to confront the compulsion of circumstances with a compulsion to change the rules of the game.

Salvation, so it would seem, must be enforced, realisation dictated, as it were, by government legislation on, for instance pollution. Time can no longer be lost.

At the same time the Design Centre has taken its first steps in the direction of unlimited publicity. A forum and a working council are to be constituted in the



course of the year and everyone capable of making a qualified contribution towards shaping environment is called on to lend a hand.

This amounts to a cautious attempt to gain the unreserved support of an interdisciplinary group of people who are aware of the dangers involved. The Design Centre questionnaire was, characteristically enough, sent to a great many artists in the broadest sense of the term.

Oddly enough, the writers among them were sparing with their replies. Neither Ginter Grass nor Hans Magnus Enzensberger, Alexander Kluge, Max Frisch or Peter Weiss replied.

Politicians Franz Josef Strauss and Karl Schiller, cultural philosophers Klages and Mitscherlich and American pop prophet Timothy Leary were all conspicuous by their silence. Outside the more immediately concerned the crucial importance of the enterprise is evidently underestimated.

"The designer's function is assuming more importance than ever before," Sir Paul Reilly noted in an address to mark the opening of the Design Centre. "The term 'designer' may well not for long remain an isolated and encircled concept."

In any profession bearing the slightest relationship with the environment design is not only possible but necessary. Design is a platform for the improvement of what already exists. *Lichte Schauer* (DIE WELT, 6 May 1970)



This colour television set with a matching armchair which includes a channel selection panel and built in loudspeakers was exhibited at the Berlin Design Centre. (Photo: Ludwig Binder)

Deutsche Oper visits Japan

Should Japan ever come to start on opera house of its own *Deutsche Oper* of Berlin will have stood godfather and there will be every reason to suspect that the natural relationship is even closer.

The company, 360 strong from general manager Gustav Rudolf Sellner down to the lighting technicians and stage-hands, recently concluded a six-week tour of Japan, the most extensive and complete tour of the country ever undertaken by an opera company.

The tour cost seven million Marks, which were provided partly by this country, partly by Japanese patrons. The difference between this and other tours was the presence of the entire company.

Other troupes seldom enough take an orchestra or a chorus with them. None take technical staff. Yet this was the only way to show the Japanese public a comprehensive range of Western opera.

On its three tours (the first two were in 1963 and 1966) Deutsche Oper presented fifteen works, including all main streams and works of the musical repertoire: Mozart and Beethoven, Wagner and Verdi, Schoenberg, Alban Berg, Henze.

The company did its best in choreography and set, in voice and orchestral sound. Their hosts, who are used to outstanding individual performances by visiting artists, were impressed by the spirit of the ensemble, something they had never before been in such a position to experience.

Guest performances by the entire company would, of course, have been impossible without the close technical contacts forged between Deutsche Oper Berlin and the Nissel Theatre over the past eight years. Foreign artists and groups often visit Tokyo yet often enough fall foul of technical errors, omissions and misunderstandings.

Not even the most superb soprano can rescue a performance when the lighting is wrong, her opposite number is standing on the wrong spot and the technical apparatus functions poorly.

The Japanese public consumes Western music with an avidity that bears witness to a voracious appetite. No city in the world can equal the range and abundance of music performed in Tokyo.

The public is extremely receptive, uncommonly disciplined and eager to learn despite being completely uncritical and lacking in a trained ear for modern music.

This year Wagner's *Lohengrin* and Weber's *Der Freischütz* were the greatest successes with the public. Alban Berg's *Lulu* and Schoenberg's *Moses and Aaron*,

more interesting productions, met with ready approval by the critics but only moderate applause.

Mozart's *Cost Fan Tutte* and even Verdi's *Falstaff*, in which Dietrich Fischer-Dieskau gave a delightful performance, failed to reap the applause they deserved too. This is, of course, partly due to the fact that the Japanese have anything but a Latin temperament and seldom abandon their reserve.

Wieland Wagner's production of *Lohengrin* was praised by the critics for the dramatic atmosphere and brilliant beauty (Tokyo *Shimbun*). Compared with Italian opera, the music-circulation *Yomiuri* wrote, the Berlin opera sets great store by harmony with the result that soloists remain under the control and in the service of the characters they portray.

Indeed, in addition to a number of soloists there was particular praise for the ensemble performance, the sets and the production. A number of critics were not on the other hand, wholly satisfied with the quality of singers in *Cost Fan Tutte* and *Der Freischütz*.

The beginnings of Deutsche Oper's series of guest performances go back to 1962, when the rich and powerful patrons of the Nissel Theatre sent young, dynamic Keita Asai to Europe to select an opera for the inauguration of the theatre the following year.

He opted for the Berlin company, both because it seemed to him more up-to-date intellectually than other troupes and because he was particularly impressed by the emphasis on the performance of the ensemble, something that the Japanese are quick to appreciate.

So it was that Gustav Rudolf Sellner and deputy Seefehlner made contact with Japan. In 1963 the Nissel Theatre opened with a performance of Beethoven's *Fidelio* attended by the Emperor, a performance donated by President Lübke, who was visiting Japan at the time.

The presence of the Emperor was such an unprecedented honour that it was virtually a matter of course when the organisers of Expo 70 in Osaka opted for the Berlin company when faced with the job of selecting a company to hold the opening performance of the World Fair.

It remains to be seen how the seed sown in Japan by Deutsche Oper will develop. There is a world of difference between Gagaku, the millenia-old music still played at the Imperial court, and Alban Berg's *Lulu*, not to mention Hans Werner Henze's *Elegie*. *Thomas Ross*

(Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung für Deutschland, 30 April 1970)

■ EDUCATION

Bavarian Radio sponsors conference to discuss kindergarten shortage



The vicar of Tutzing recently called on his congregation to be particularly generous with donations "The money," he said, "is for the children, will go towards kindergartens."

In the Evangelical Academy, a few streets away, university men, politicians and members of the profession were attending a conference organised by Bavarian Radio, dealing with the issue of how, other than by sacrifices and alms, society can be of assistance to children of pre-school age.

Agreement was quickly reached on an analysis of the present situation. Statistics document the sad fact that only one child in three between the ages of three and six has the opportunity of attending what is usually an overflowing kindergarten.

Seventy-four per cent of kindergartens are maintained by the two major Churches. The 6,000 or so kindergartens run by Caritas, the Roman Catholic charitable organisation, which represent no less than 43 per cent of the total, receive a paltry two million Marks a year in government assistance, which amounts to all of 25 Marks a month per individual Caritas kindergarten.

Where kindergartens are provided they children's depositaries providing the little

ones with a roof over their heads and a few toys for an hour or two

Caritas, which conducted a statistical survey in its kindergartens a year ago, concluded that they had one trained kindergarten teacher per 39 children. There cannot in the circumstances be the slightest prospect of individual attention.

Yet according to recent definite conclusions reached by psychologists children of kindergarten age gain impressions that are of importance for the whole of their subsequent lives.

Parents in this country have always made heavier weather of educating their children than mothers and fathers in many other countries. The drill of the past ("Do this!", "Don't do that!", "Sit straight!") has in many cases given way to apathy.

The number of parents who still play with their children grows smaller and the number of presents given as a substitute for genuine attention is on the increase. "The older they are, the more trouble they are," a proverb runs and many parents still go by it.

Yet in the light of the latest conclusions reached by psychologists and educationalists the reverse should be considered true. The idea that early childhood up to school age represents a kind of protected zone in the child's development has long since been abandoned.

"We even feel," says Bochum psychologist Professor Heinz Heckhausen, "that child in the first few days of life that

determines the entire future life (school and profession) of the new-born child."

Experts are generally agreed that Man's performance motivation is determined between the age of three and five. The child starts to take an active interest in its environment and develops attitudes. Is its childlike curiosity encouraged or braked at this stage? — This is a question that is of crucial importance for the child's subsequent development.

A decisive factor is whether or not speech, the "tool of the intellect," is trained or allowed to atrophy.

Checks at schools for the educationally sub-normal, Heidelberg psychologist Professor Heinrich Kratzmeier told the conference, support this theory. Seventy to eighty per cent of children sent from primary to special schools could have attained average school level had they only been encouraged at pre-school age.

There can be little doubt as to the conclusion. Kindergartens and pre-school must be given added support where the environment applies a brake on children's development.

It is the duty of the state to provide equal educational opportunities for all. In this sector it has largely failed to do so. In Hanover, a large industrial city, there are a mere 27 pre-school groups with a total of 550 children.

Only sixty per cent of the 550 come from working-class homes and the sixty teachers who look after them do so in their own free time as schoolteachers.

The situation is much the same everywhere else too. Individuals are prepared to make sacrifices in a sector where systematic promotion by society as a whole ought long since to have been the norm.

The Rhineland-Palatinate, whose Education Minister Bernhard Vogel is the brother of better-known Hans-Jochen Vogel, Mayor of Munich, recently passed a Kindergarten Act.

It is the first state to begin systematic pre-school facilities for children. By 1975 fifty per cent of three-year-olds, 75 per cent of four-year-olds and all five-year-olds are to have a kindergarten place at their disposal.

Statistics show that this country has a catastrophic and educational backlog in the kindergarten and pre-school sector as it does in university training. Forty thousand so-called social educationalists are needed to provide three- to five-year-olds all over the country with adequate facilities. At the moment there are a mere seven hundred.

Heinz Brockert
(Münchener Merkur, 29 April 1970)

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School abolishes post of headmaster

Ernst Reuter School, Frankfurt, largest in the country, no longer has a headmaster. The school is run by a conference of teachers, parents, schoolchildren, something unique.

The school, which has 3,500 pupils in a staff of 200, is a comprehensive school not only housing all previous classes under one roof but also having achieved a fair degree of integration. It is the advanced comprehensive school in the country.

The latest development was made possible when headmaster Gerhard Moll appointed State Secretary in the Ministry of Education.

A working party first drew up an organisational model for the school. The draft was then approved by the full assembly of the school, headed by a headmaster eight masters elected by the school conference.

The conference consists of representatives of parents, teachers, schoolchildren and non-teaching staff. A further governing body is the general committee, also elected by the school conference.

It is intriguing to note that parent-children each have 26-per-cent representation at the conference, that is between them a 52-per-cent majority. The general committee consists of 10 schoolchildren, three teachers, three parents and one member of the non-teaching staff.

(Münchener Merkur, 5 May 1970)

More students at university

More than 301,000 Federal Republic students and 22,000 foreign students enrolled in this country's 52 further-education establishments at the beginning of winter term 1969. A report of the Federal Statistics Office adds that a further 11 people on leave and more than 5 part-timers were registered.

Compared with winter term 1968 figure of home students represented increase of 6.7 per cent. The increase (17.4 per cent) was recorded further education establishments university status.

The number of students at philosophical or church establishments shows a sharp downward trend (16 per cent).

While the number of those beginning their studies remained relatively stable when compared with winter term 1968 there was a small rise in the number of the whole of 1969 (summer term winter term) from 68,000 to over 69,000 an increase of 1.8 per cent.

The number of foreigners starting studies decreased from 4,300 in 1968 just over 3,800 in 1969, a drop of 11 per cent.

(Lübecker Nachrichten, 28 April 1970)

Children paint while parents museum browse



Nuremberg's Germanisches National-Museum Directors have received an overwhelming response to their scheme to make it easier for mothers to visit the museum by running a babysitting service. Sunday visitors to the museum came in their hundreds, wheeling prams.

The reception room for the little ones with a capacity of only sixty was soon filled to capacity and other rooms and even the gangway had to be used in the

To keep the youngsters out of mischief the museum directors provided them with pots of paint and brushes, but unfortunately the supplies of easels and white paper soon ran out and museum officials looked on indulgently as the charges gaily covered the museum walls with all the colours of the rainbow.

While parents quietly mused and browsed and furthered their education in museum rooms proper over one hundred children spent a creative Sunday with Mum and Dad to return.

The Nuremberg Museum's Sunday summed up the experiment as "a hundred per cent success."

(STUTTGARTER ZEITUNG, 28 April 1970)

■ MEDICINE

Psychotherapists point warning finger at society's repressive ways



Civilisation and society have grown to be our real patients," Professor Eckart Wiesenhütter of Berlin commented on the opening day of the Twentieth Lindau Psychotherapy Week. Were doctors allowed to do anything of the kind these two patients are enough to drive psychotherapists to the brink of despair. The difficulties that arise can be compared with a Himalayan peak that the psychotherapist has to scale with the aid of gym shoes and a map of the North German plain.

"After decades of stubborn resistance society is on the point of admitting to the successors of Freud, Adler and Jung that it is in need of treatment. Proof is provided by attendance figures at Lindau.

Twenty years ago 500 doctors attended. Until 1968 there were 750 at the most. Last year there were suddenly 1,100 and this year still more.

Dr Helmuth Stoltze of Munich expressed the view that this sudden rapid rise in attendance figures was doubtless due in part to the pressing problem that patients are for a doctor nowadays.

"There is an unimaginable dearth of doctors with psychoanalytical training both at hospitals and in practice," Professor Werner Schwidder of Göttingen noted.

Even assuming only 150,000 people are in need of psychoanalysis (the true number is doubtless far higher) 3,000 to 4,000 analysts would be needed. As it is there are no more than 1,000 in the country. "A dreadfully high deficit," Dr Schwidder commented.

And those there are have all cause to ask why they in particular should be subjected to permanent stress. Psychotherapy is not, as many people believe, the prescription of mental medicine in the form of friendly listening and good advice without the slightest involvement on the doctor's part.

It is, as Professor Walther Winkler of Göttingen stated, a continual process of calling the doctor into question.

Dr Wiesenhütter's lecture conveyed some idea of how urgently needed this questioning is. As the classical avant-garde of socio-psychological medicine the psychoanalyst views the world as a world in transition.

It is a world from which he cannot extract himself — any more than obvious cases of illness are the only patients in need of a doctor nowadays.

Members of communes, advocates of group sex and wife-swapping, all of whom claim to be the heralds of a new world, may be the representatives of transitional factors.

Yet are they alone in being neurosis suspects? Or do not neurotics uncover a weakness of society as a whole?

Sexual education provided with a good deal of honest ardour and, for puritans on

the quiet, with an eye to the main chance is not the most important means of consolidating love and marriage after all.

It is far more important for people who hope to survive the second Christian millennium to learn that alongside (if not prior to) sex partners must match intellectually, emotionally and socially, otherwise their marriage is likely to prove a failure.

Today's family of three or four, which in the course of powerful socio-dynamic changes has superseded the large family over the past few decades, will probably not survive long. Wiesenhütter reckons, as it is proving incapable of coping with the tasks it has to perform. Crucial human qualities are allowed to atrophy and neuroses to flourish.

Is the situation really as bad as this? Dr Wiesenhütter wondered. May not the psychotherapist, who deals mainly with the emotionally ill, be overestimating the extent of the neurosis epidemic?

"I have many contacts with so-called normal families," Dr Wiesenhütter answered. They too contain the germs of deep-seated disturbances evident in the case of manifestly sick persons.

The good old days were no better either. The fact that there were as good as no divorces, apart from in the best families, is not evidence of a better standard of morality.

An important factor is that a few generations ago most wives died of anaemia after countless pregnancies at about thirty. In death they made way for their successors. Divorce by childbirth.

In the good old days people were no less afraid of death, poverty, loneliness and so on. The family and religion, regardless which, provided protection. They no longer do so.

Nowadays salvation is sought mainly in achievement at any price, in conformism in every case and in renunciation of individuality. Professor Karlfried Graf Dürckheim of Todtnau felt. This longing represented an obstacle to inner maturity. Bank accounts and public office are social therapeutics with massive side-effects.

People who are successful in industry, commerce and politics, Dr Dürckheim noted, account for a large percentage of emotional failures in need of treatment.

Ottmar Katz
(Münchener Merkur, 28 April 1970)

Oxford don awarded biochemistry prize

At this year's biochemical analysis conference the Biochemical Analysis Prize inaugurated by Boehringer-Mannheim, the pharmaceuticals manufacturers, was awarded for the first time.

The first winner of the prize, which is worth 10,000 Marks, is English biochemist Dr Eric Newsholme of Oxford, who has succeeded in developing an entirely new principle of identifying assimilation products in the human organism with the aid of the isotope thinning process.

The conventional isotope method involves a considerable amount of time and hard work. Newsholme's process involves the use of specific enzymes and makes possible swift and certain analysis of the assimilation products sought in conjunction with a minimum of effort.

(DIE WELT, 5 May 1970)

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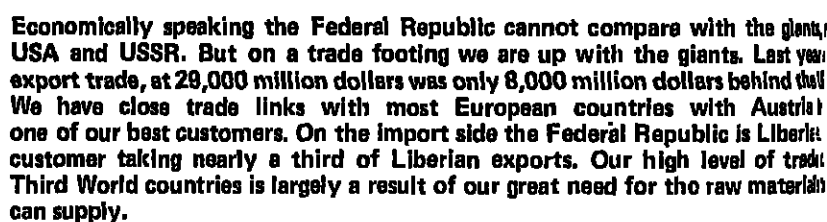
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Recent economic relief measures not enough

The continued spiral of prices and incomes increases could plunge us into the worst year of inflation in post-war times, apart from the crisis brought about by the Korean War. In all the cost of living will rise by approximately four per

(DEUTSCHES ALLOEMEINES
SONNTAGSBLATT, 3 May 1970)

In his opinion developing nations cannot maintain a viable position on international markets until they have met these requirements and can in fact only just keep their heads above water on their own domestic markets with the aid of a wall of import and export duties.



Nor has the Polish plea for a credit contract for loans from this country been answered.

In the case of Latin American countries, for example, this is to a certain extent a necessity and also a highly advisable step.

For financial, technical and personnel reasons medium sized concerns often dare not take such a step into the Third World on their own.

G.L. Zhurbenko, the acting Minister of the Ministry of Technological Equipment and Automobiles, named the Hanover Fair a useful establishment for conducting operation between this country and the Soviet Union.

Pavel must be congratulated for his opinion that it is better to keep pressure on foreign markets in this way than let all companies that wish to export abroad find the initiatives for foreign markets.

Hamburg continues to be important trade centre

Of these 4,570 million were from the European Economic Community (EEC) and 1,700 million from the European Free Trade Association (EFTA).

agricultural goods, which have always been the mainstay of Hamburg importers, are continuing to gain in importance. But the increased importance of such wares is by no means so marked as that for semi-products. These make up thirty-five per cent of the market now.

On the export side deliveries of tech



15,000 retailers, employing 65,000 people have a turnover of 7,500 million Marks each year.

Almost all important countries are represented in Hamburg by a consul-general or consul. When Moscow opens her consulate-general here there will be in all 68
(DIE WELT, 5 May 1970)

Once again Volkswagen was able to announce proudly last year that with a turnover of 14,000 million Marks it had the greatest turnover rate of any industrial organisation within the Federal Republic.

The increased range of Volkswagen products has been noticeable as well on its most lucrative export market, the United States of America. The Audi 100, Porsche and Volkswagen/Porsche models are being marketed by the now Porsche/Audi division of Volkswagen of America.

(Handelsblatt, 29 April 1970)

Further uses for this light metal are in the space programmes and aircraft industry. But magnesium alloys are needed chiefly for the motor vehicle industry in the manufacture of motors and other moving parts and more recently the metal has been used in alloy form and molten for the manufacture of wheels.

This company was the first commercial producer in Germany of what was then known as *Elektrometall* and is now called magnesium. (Handelsblatt, 6 May 1970)

■ TECHNOLOGY

Battery-powered vehicles - an answer to air pollution

Everyone is familiar with the noxious, noisy environment with which man surrounds himself by means of urban traffic. Most people, after all, are road-users and most people are town-dwellers too.

Creators of habit all, they accept the fact that with every breath they take they inhale polluted air and that they are exposed to traffic noise of a level likely to represent a health hazard. Yet it would be quite easy to improve the situation.

In the circumstances a commemorative volume entitled "Electro-Storage Vehicles" and published by Franz Steiner Verlag of Wiesbaden is of general interest. Its author is Professor Gerhard Wülke of Munich, who was assisted by a team of specialists. The book was commissioned by the Federal Republic Research Association.

Electro-storage, battery-run vehicles that create half the noise and none of the exhaust gases of combustion-engined vehicles are no newcomers to either roads or track. Their range may be limited but they have been in use since about 1890.

The satisfactory results of initial trials led to the battery-powered railcars of 1907 which, improved from time to time,

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remained in use until 1955. On the basis of experiences with these vehicles entirely new electric railcars have been developed in this country since 1950.

At present roughly a third of the railcars used by Deutsche Bundesbahn, the German Federal Railways, are battery-run. They cover an average 250 kilometres (155 miles) a day, or twice as much provided they are recharged during the course of the day, and service some 5,000 kilometres (3,000 miles) of local routes.

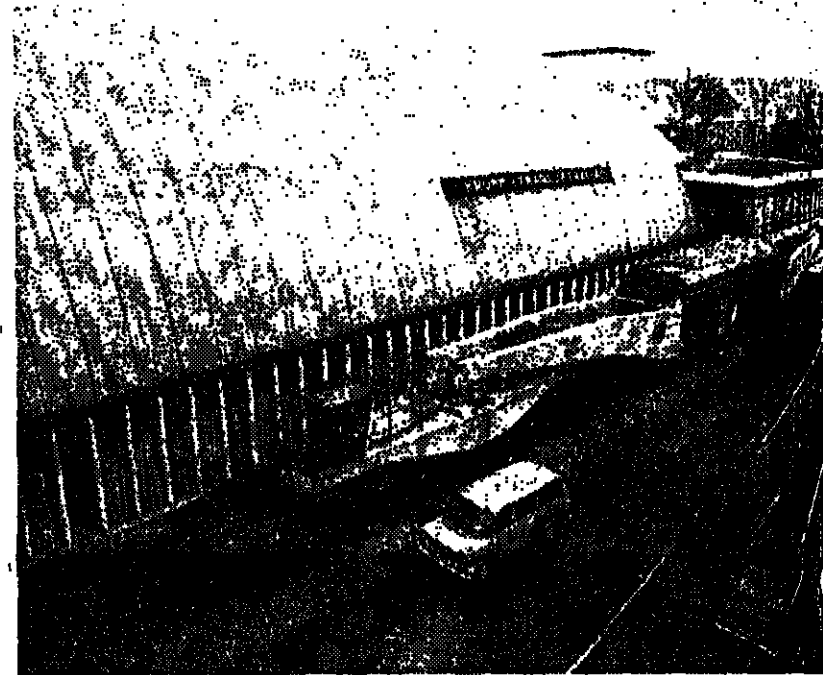
The first battery-powered cars were introduced in North America eighty years ago. They reached this country at about the turn of the century. At that time there were more electric-powered than combustion-engined vehicles on the road.

In subsequent decades combustion-engined vehicles prevailed, with the unfortunate result that cars came to be considered as long-distance vehicles, and even though it is clear that combustion-engined vehicles dangerously pollute the atmosphere through city traffic there can be no turning the clock back.

The electric car, were it even to materialise, would at best be accepted as a second car for town use.

Voters, local and state politicians could nonetheless direct their efforts towards increasing the number of electric-powered public-service vehicles used locally. Before the war there were about 22,000 battery-run vehicles on the roads. Their number increased slightly after the war and until 1955 but a decline then set in and there are now only about 2,000.

The guilty party is without doubt the Road Traffic Finance Act of 1955. Up till then road tax was assessed on the basis of the weight of the vehicle not including batteries. Now, overall weight is the criterion. Politicians have thus done their



The Bundesbahn's giant goods wagon on display at this year's Hanover Fair (Photo: ...)

best to ensure that urban traffic remains noisy and noxious by imposing a particularly heavy tax burden on battery-powered vehicles.

Knowledge of the consequences of harmful exhaust gases is still sketchy but those already known ought to be enough to make people stop and think.

Carbon monoxide poisons the blood, nitrous oxides foster smog, hydrocarbons, particularly certain benzopyrenes, encourage or cause lung cancer and lead compounds attack the brain and nervous system.

All this is the motorists' own work. Cars account for more than forty per cent of atmospheric pollution. Pollution caused by cars could be reduced by the introduction of appropriate measures. But the avalanche of road traffic rolls on.

With this memorandum, intended first and foremost as a technical situation report, the Federal Republic Research Association has added to its long list of contributions towards environmental hygiene.

(DEUTSCHES ALLGEMEINES SONNTAGSBLATT, 3 May 1970)

Bundesbahn operates world's largest goods wagon

Deutsche Bundesbahn, the German Federal Railways, will soon be carrying heavy goods up to 530 tonnes on a goods wagon that is the largest in the world. With a maximum axle load of 22 tons this 32-axle wagon is nearly 210 feet long (over 63 metres).

In view of the manufacture of larger machinery and equipment cannot be disassembled - reactors, transformers and roller mills, for instance - the Bundesbahn decided to develop a versatile carrier for heavy goods.

It was built and the wheels designed and supplied by various divisions of Krupp's.

The transporter consists of two each of which has four four-axle units linked by platforms of various sizes. Load is distributed equally to all axles and axles by means of the platform specially designed supports.

If the payload is smaller and cradled by the supports the train can easily be converted into a vehicle. The transporter is designed off-loading on to road transport.

Each half of the vehicle has a control stand, the two men being by Intocom. A convertible gear handles the hydraulics and the payload brake and two handbrakes whole is accompanied by a wagon containing crew and equipment.

At the beginning of June the transporter, weight 380 tons, will be by rail from Stuttgart to Hamburg. Then the transporter will be undergoing trials. Freight costs are 140,000 marks per 1,000 kilometres (862 per mile) in the Bundesbahn will order a second transporter if the demand is heavy enough.

(Handelsblatt, 30 April 1970)

500,000 new houses to be built in 1970

This year should again see 500,000 houses built according to the Town and Country Planning Institute.

These figures are deduced from number of new building projects registered at the beginning of the year around 730,000. Of these about 530 are already in the course of being constructed.

Permission was given before the end of 1969 for a further 200,000 houses to be built.

(Handelsblatt, 28 April 1970)

Electrons dry paint

According to calculations made by a leading Federal Republic paint manufacturer the higher investment cost of should be more than offset by lower running costs and greater turnover. The manufacturers are pressing ahead with the development of suitable paints.

Electron radiation dries paint far faster than other processes, penetrating more deeply than ultra-violet rays. As the rays do not heat the surface beneath, coats of paint and plastic on wood, cardboard, paper and plastic can also be dried by this method.

(Hannoversche Presse, 24 April 1970)

Lorries and articulated trucks in need of a foretaste of North Pole conditions need drive no further than Stuttgart. In Schwieberdingen, a few miles outside the city, there is a cold chamber into which the full length of a lorry and trailer can be driven to practice starting at sixty degrees below (-76 Fahrenheit).

The freezer shed forms part of the research facilities of Bosch, the manufacturers of electrical equipment for motor vehicles, who have moved part of their facilities from Stuttgart to this small Württemberg town on the old coach route between Bavaria and the Rhine.

'Swabia's North Pole is but one' intriguing detail of the equipment Bosch have assembled in Schwieberdingen for research and development work on motor vehicle electrical systems.

There are sixteen test-beds on which Bosch electronic fuel injection can be adapted to fit all manner of engines. They are to be joined by a further eight.

There will also be a roller test-bed on which speeds of up to 250 kilometres an hour (155 mph) can be simulated, up to 300 horse-power brakes, temperatures of between minus thirty and plus fifty degrees centigrade (-23 and +122 Fahrenheit) generated and winds of up to 120 kilometres an hour (75 mph) created.

There is a development and endurance test-bed designed to help improve starter motors, generators and regulators, also a laboratory for motor vehicle tests that at

Bosch opens research centre on vehicle electrical systems

the moment is mainly being used for exhaust experiments.

The millions of data collected day by day in the course of trials and measurements are fed to and evaluated by a process computer which also supervises the technical details that need to be registered and documented - and there is no shortage of them in such a large-scale research facility.

Thirty-five million Marks have already been invested in Schwieberdingen. What justification is there for such a heavy investment?

At the inauguration ceremony Dr Richard Zechner, a Bosch director, frankly stated that electronics, or rather electronics, is one of the most important sectors in which motor vehicle development can be expected to progress.

There is no shortage of examples. Electronic controls can help to solve the problem of noxious exhaust gases, also to develop exhaust-free propulsion by means of batteries or fuel cells.

Electronics can aid further development of automatic transmission, auto-

matic regulation of brakes and acceleration, air conditioning, a central warning system designed to supersede the many individual indicators on the dashboard, automatic adjustment of headlights according to payload, electronic washer and wiper systems for headlights and indicators and finally a small process computer to supervise and independently regulate all functions of the vehicle.

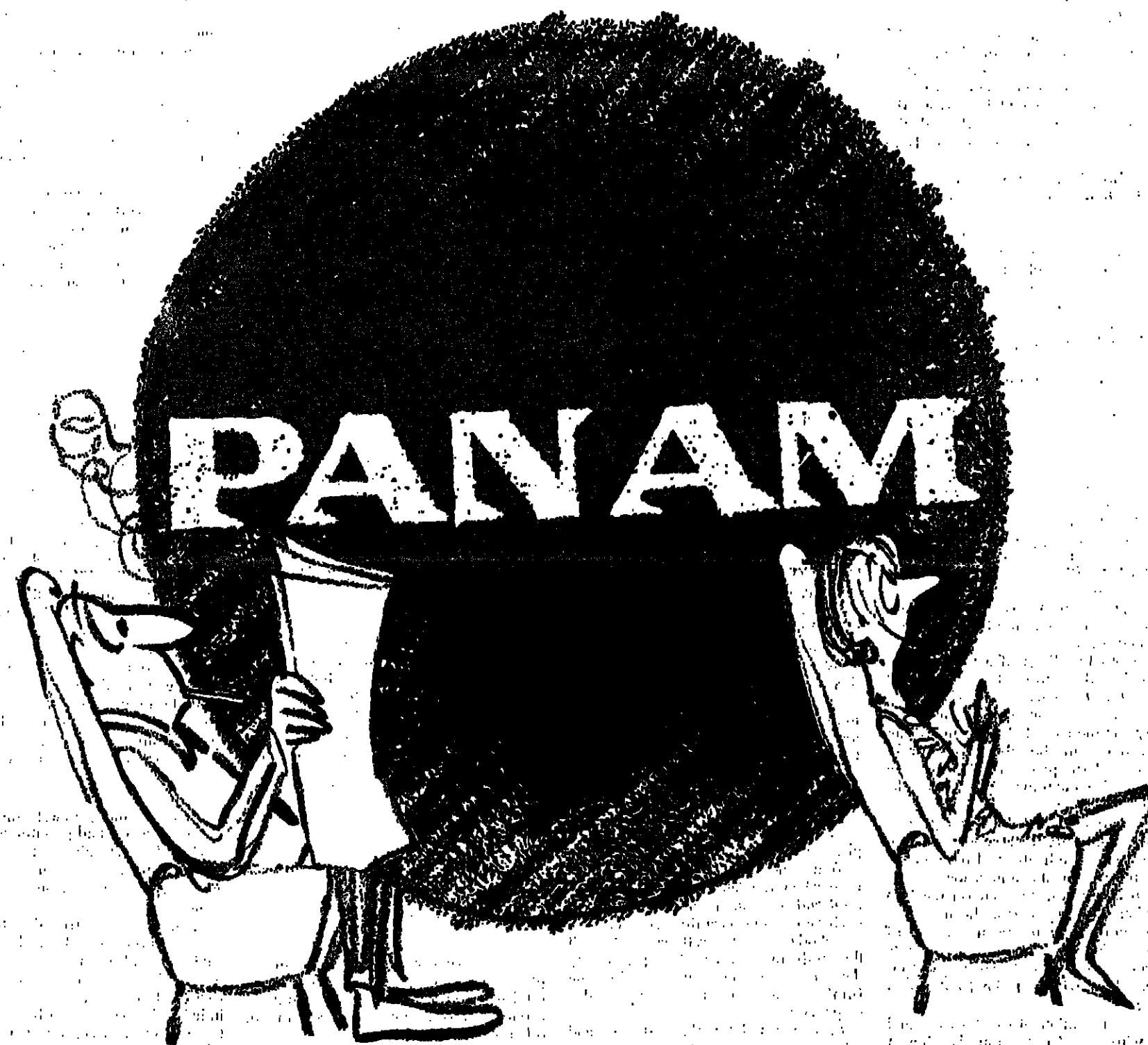
The vehicle itself is not the only candidate for electronic development. There is a radio programme for motorists purveying information on road conditions, remote-controlled road signs and - to gaze a little deeper into the crystal ball - electronically-controlled guidelines inlaid into the road surface as part of an automatic pilot system.

Cars will be kept on course by a guideline cable, a system of loops and a process computer feeding vehicles with information that is transmitted from the control centre of the vehicle to the various engine systems. A central supervision system will inform the driver when he must act or take a decision.

It may be a while before this comes about but at Bosch's Schwieberdingen laboratories work is in progress on issues such as this as though the fully automated electronic future were already here. Schwieberdingen intends to be at the top when the time comes.

(Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung für Deutschland, 6 May 1970)

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■ THIS ODD WORLD

The sweet life in the city on the Elbe

Legend has it that St Pauli belongs to business reps from Castrop-Rauxel and other provincial towns, Scandinavian businessmen and to a certain extent to the man in the polo-neck sweater with the jaunty walk, whose profession is often said to be of a Christian nature. Hanseatic people do not contradict this and smile about the state of affairs.

This is a startling understatement of fact, for of the four million or so visitors to St Pauli each year at least one third come from no further afield than Blankenese, Barmbek or other districts of Hamburg.

Why should they not? After all St Pauli is there for everyone as a well-known advertising slogan says. This is a challenge that everyone should take up whether he wants to take his entertainment from St Pauli or arrange entertainment for others there.

Of the so-called enterprising types here, very few seem worthy of the title since they show little enterprise other than a bent for doing nothing.

This applies to around two thousand people — let us not call them pimps, that is a hateful word — operating in this area. They wear sharp clothes, drive sharp cars, carry knuckledusters in their pockets and make money day in day out.

Many of them are there for the protection of just one employee, others have ten on their books.

Every now and then the long arm of the law comes down on them when they are seen with money men in the street.

There are around 4,000 "girlfriends" earning cash for their boyfriends with a little cohabitation. In the old buildings of a street distinguished by the wrought iron gates at either end, in two barracks offering "love" with rendezvous courtyards illuminated only by dimmed red lights, in the rooms of 36 hotels, nine boarding-houses or 74 rooms rented for professional reasons, or simply in the customer's own pad, the ancient trade is plying.

About half of the striking young ladies have a community conscience and also care for their own health and roll up once a week for a medical examination.

The rest are not so keen on the idea largely because they have no licence.

Backgrounds are interesting. Some of the professional women are housewives from good homes — well, can they help it if prices have risen at the local supermarket?

The actual number of worthy wives and Mums who add to the housekeeping in this way is not known, which is perhaps a good thing for them and for their husbands.

The girls are no longer allowed to roam the streets; at least not in the daytime.

Convict swimmers

For the first time ever in the history of the German penal system prisoners, serving time in Staßfurt, will be able to take swimming lessons this summer.

The courses have been organized by the life-saving division of the Red Cross and will be held at the Institution's own 25 by 13 metre swimming pool.

Prisoners who are already able to swim will be able to take life-saving courses. All the equipment required such as lifebelts and floats will be provided by Red Cross in its programme for prisoner aid.

(Hamburger Abendblatt, 4 May 1970)



St Pauli's Grosse Freiheit by night

(Photo: Egon Teske)

There is a very good reason for this — of the 33,928 inhabitants of St Pauli 2,369 still go to school.

Their parents, the local authorities and the central government are agreed that the minds of third formers should not be distracted from their lessons by the regular sight of miniskirted lasses swinging their keyrings round their fingers in a come-hither way.

A citizens' committee in the fun centre of Hamburg has been set up to preserve the district's good reputation...

Among the attractions of St Pauli is a football team in the North Regional league, which has had a good season and still has an outside chance of being promoted to the Federal Republic super-league.

Other amenities are four churches, a hospital, a swimming-bath, five cinemas and two theatres.

Next to the little St Pauli station where Freddy Quinn is singing his reminiscences of St. Pauli there stands the Davidswache police station with 96 uniformed officers and 22 women police, the strongest force in Hamburg.

Over 6,000 prosecutions are made at this one station alone in a year. Thirty officers at the Davidswache take care of the everyday: immorality offences, pimping, prostitution, theft during cohabitation and homosexual offences.

When a new face appears in such-and-such a firm, suddenly taking a place unexpected and unexplained on the staff it is not necessarily a surprise in a time when the labour market is in turmoil and over one million foreign workers have taken posts in this country.

Nobody suspects anything, least of all the truth, that the new face is a private detective specially employed by the firm's management to investigate discrepancies.

Two weeks later three drivers and salesmen from Such-and-Such Limited "do a bunk". They had been working for their own personal private account.

The new face on the staff, a private eye, has caught up with their antics and they know the game is up.

Embezzlement, insurance frauds and industrial espionage within large companies play a major part in the present-day role of the private eye.

These crimes have taken over from collecting divorce evidence as the private detective's main task.

The modern-day Sherlock Holmes must have qualifications if he is to make a success of his calling.

His best advertising comes not from advertisements in the press, but from reports of success passed on by word of mouth by satisfied company managers.

One private detective from Karlsruhe who shall be known as "S" said that the people in his profession who enjoyed success were those who inspired trust, knew the law inside out, had some

Four other police beats are responsible for the border areas of this district stretching as far as the television tower and *Planten un Blumen*.

Even many natives of Hamburg do not know this fact.

One man knows about all there is to know to about St Pauli, a leading official whose job it is to clean up the red light district. In one year alone he brought about the closure of seventy clip-joints in which customers had to pay 200 Marks and more for a tame striptease routine and a tiny bottle of wine.

St Pauli can boast over 500 eating places and it truly is there for everyone. It is not necessarily expensive. For a *Heilmann* (local slang for five Marks) you can do a lot although not everything in the *Kiez* (what the locals call the area around the Reeperbahn and Grosse Freiheit Streets).

Two Marks is sufficient for one of the six beat clubs, some of the 419 restaurants and pubs and for a snack at a *Schnellimbiss* of which there are sixty-six.

There are 45 striptease joints, some of which prefer to dub themselves *Exotic Theatras*, fourteen gay bars, four bars for lesbians and seven bars for transvestites (300 transvestites are known to the police).

Andreas Odenwald (DER WELT, 5 May 1970)

Private eyes don't make millions

experience of psychology and could express themselves clearly in one or two foreign languages, since this country's economy is so closely meshed with that of other countries.

The Federal Republic Detectives' Federation (BDD), which works for 125 well-known private eyes in this country (30 of them in Baden-Württemberg), keeps an eagle eye on shady dealings and the qualifications of detectives within its sphere.

Our man "S" in Karlsruhe said sarcastically that the trouble with the profession was that Everyman and his dog could open up an agency if he wished. The profession suffered from black sheep and leisure-time amateur sleuths who gave it a bad reputation.

On the companies register all an amateur sleuth had to do was say he was opening an agency and no qualifications would be asked for.

In order to set its members apart from these amateurs the BDD runs for its members (whose ranks include many retired police detectives) regular advance courses with practical lectures given by

NEWS IN BRIEF

Crime figures

Extra efforts to aid police in apprehension of criminals were for by Minister of the Interior, Dietrich Genscher, when he announced the 1969 crime figures in Bonn.

In particular liaison between the local police forces in this area should be ameliorated and new logical devices for apprehending perpetrators of illegal acts should be implemented.

In the crime report it was stated there were 2,170,000 known offences last year. This figure represents a 2.8 per cent increase in the crime over 1968.

However this increase is 1.3 per cent smaller than the difference between 1968 and 1969.

Genscher said that the state should remain inactive in the face of disturbing crime figures. He added it was the principle aim of every order to protect the integrity individual and assure his personal dom.

Strauss disarmed

A spokesman for Lufttransport as "perfectly correct" the taken by the flight captain of a Luf plane, who refused to allow Franz Strauss, CSU Party leader and Finance Minister, to board with the pistol.

As a result Strauss handed the to an air hostess and collected his light.

The spokesman for the airline that regulations forbade anyone in dangerous weapon to travel on Luf machines.

"This ruling applies to everyone including Herr Strauss," he said, "that the only exception is for the pursuit of their duties, that is, police hunting criminals."

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officials of the Bundeskriminalamt, spectated lawyers and psychologists.

The BDD has called for licensing made compulsory as is the case in America and Austria, but it has not achieved this aim.

In practice it is true that the very soon separated from the "chaff" would never be able to afford its own but the infra-red camera BDD offers its members. For each individual amateur sleuth to buy of these would be as extravagant as a citizen buying a tank to transport petty cash to the bank.

The BDD, working as a sort of inter-pol puts this apparatus at the disposal of its members as and when it is needed.

And BDD member detectives who in Hamburg often come to the aid of their Karlsruhe colleagues.

"S" says that private detectives are cautious about taking on divorce cases since the motives of the litigations are not always too clear. The step to be taken is to see if doubtful suspicions can be allayed and parties reconciled. The professions of marriage counsellor, lawyer and jurist have been combined in this one operation, if quarrelling partners are to be helped.

Private eyes do not get a million a rake off, but the good ones are not out of breadline and rarely complain of no work to do. In industrial Baden-Württemberg this is particularly the case.

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Football through the record book!

MÖNCHENGLADBACH COMES TOP OF LEAGUE

Playing with numbers is well nigh a traditional ball game accompaniment. The moment the last football fixtures of the season are over the record-book compilers provide fans with additional talking-points.

The pundits add and divide, compare and recapitulate nineteen to the dozen and never fail to come up with fresh records: "Never have so many..." or "Never have so few." This is as true of the seventh Federal football league season as it has been of the preceding six.

The statistics do indeed have some interesting footnotes to add. Nowhere else in Europe have seven different clubs topped the table in seven seasons: 1 FC Cologne, Werder Bremen, 1860 Munich, Eintracht Brunswick, 1 FC Nürnberg, Bayern Munich and now Borussia Mönchengladbach.

It is also uncommon that two of these clubs, 1 FC Nürnberg and 1860 Munich, are now second-rate.

The sympathy in which Mönchengladbach are held by the general public can be expressed in terms of figures too. This season no Mönchengladbach player has been sent off; not even a penalty has been awarded against a player of the league championship team.

Mönchengladbach defender Ludwig Müller comments, interestingly enough, that "With 1 FC Nürnberg I always used

to have to play hard because the defence was invariably under pressure.

Mind you, there have been very few serious offences this season, if the number of players sent off is anything to go by. Seven in 306 games is one of the season's few really gratifying "records." Last year there were twice as many.

The number of penalties has also been reasonable. In the 1968/69 season seventy were awarded. On 47 occasions the penalty shot was successful, on 23 (oddly enough, exactly the same number as last year) the shot at goal failed to land in the net.

The 951 goals the eighteen clubs scored, an average of slightly more than three a match, can also be entered on the credit side of the balance. The fans can be satisfied with the number. In many other countries their fellow-fans had to make do with far fewer.

Most clubs were dissatisfied with the financial side of the season, though. Only five clubs (Mönchengladbach, Hannover 96, Munich 1860, MSV Duisburg and 1 FC Kaiserslautern) reported a better gate than last season.

On average the attendance per fixture declined from 21,000 to 19,000. In eight towns (Aachen, 10,400; Kaiserslautern, 13,000; Brunswick, 13,600; Duisburg, 16,000; Bremen, 16,500; Frankfurt, Oberhausen and Hamburg, 17,000) the



Mönchengladbach team captain Günter Netzer waving the Federal Republic Soccer League cup

(Photo: Nordbild)

average gate did not even reach 18,000, long considered to be the absolute minimum from the financial point of view.

Clubs everywhere lament the 45 games cancelled owing to bad weather, more than in the previous five seasons put together. "The winter cost us several hundred thousand Marks," nearly all treasurers maintain. In a number of towns there has been talk of handing professional licences back to the Football Association.

Mönchengladbach and Berlin were alone in being satisfied with both the financial and the sporting side of the season. The Olympic stadium in West Berlin averaged a 40,000 gate for Hertha BSC's home games and the club finished

the season with thirty out of a possible 34 points at home.

Only the champions have a comparable record to show for themselves. Their average gate was 25,000 in a stadium that only holds 32,000. Borussia Mönchengladbach was also the most successful away team, with a record of 21 points for and thirteen against, closely followed by Bayern Munich with twenty and fourteen.

These are not the only statistical records Mönchengladbach have bagged this season. Never before have the champions romped home with so many points — 51. In 1966 1860 Munich reached fifty. Four seasons later 1860 managed only 25 and have been unable to avoid relegation.

Rolf Heggen (Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung für Deutschland, 5 May 1970)

Goalkeeper Petar Radenkovic retires

"I like everything concentrated", Petar Radenkovic, 1860 Munich's veteran goal-keeper says of himself. "Not seasoned but heavily seasoned, not sweet but extra sweet, not temperamental but extremely temperamental, not funny but very funny."

On Saturday, 2 May, he retired from professional football and a stage on which he had been one of the great actors. Maybe the greatest, but that will only be seen when the country's best goalkeepers play without him.

All that can be said with any certainty at the moment is that a scintillating figure has made his last exit. It was a painful departure — for 1860, for the Munich fans and above all for Radenkovic himself.

After having been as obsessed by the crowd as by lucrative contracts he ended his professional career five months before his thirty-sixth birthday (on 1 October) before a poor crowd and trudged back into the changing-room with a relegated team.

"World's best goalie" was his invariable reply to queries as to how he rated himself. The only man Petar Radenkovic excluded from this rating was and is Lev



Yashin, his idol. And the Methusalem among Soviet goalkeepers still plays today.

"Radi," as he is affectionately known, was loved and hated, hailed and wished to the Devil. On occasion he was foolhardy in the extreme, a victim of his temperament and mentality. Yet he always remained first-rate goalkeeper by international standards.

The wizard between the posts enjoyed boasting a little but fans who watched him regularly occasionally saw him embarrassed, angry with himself and what had got into him. No one could accuse Petar Radenkovic of not being self-critical, though not on the spur of the moment!

In 1966 he got on so badly with trainer Max Merkel, who had bought him from Wornatia Worms in 1962, that hostilities between the self-willed goalkeeper and a trainer-dictator who was equally convinced of himself and the rightness of what he did reached such a level that Radenkovic felt able to head the players' revolt that led to Merkel's dismissal.

The ace goalie beat the ace-trainer in a struggle involving both the bones of contention and the image of two strong personalities. Sport was by no means the sole consideration. Both men were determined to fight out their position in society — not least for financial reasons. On transfer from OFK Belgrade to Wornatia Worms in 1961 Radi drew a

salary of 575 Marks. Did he do his club a good or a bad turn in December 1966 when trainer Max Merkel parted company with 1860? It is hard to say and Radi would prefer not to have to answer.

A sportsman who has twelve times played for the Yugoslav B team and three times been capped for the A team, won a silver medal in the football tournament at the 1956 Melbourne Olympics and has, moreover, a reputation of being of above-average intelligence for a footballer can hardly be blamed for taking a dim view of his trainer's rhetorical question: "What's up with him? He used to travel on donkeyback and now drives a posh Mercedes!"

Digs such as this hurt Radi, who is in any case a good deal more sensitive than he makes out, particularly as everyone agreed that he had played a large part in his club's progress from southern league champions in 1963 to Cup winners in 1964, qualification for the European Cup final in 1965 and national champions in 1966.

"I have a style of my own," he told people who objected to his way of keeping goal. Petar Radenkovic did not need to say so apologetically. He could afford to tolerate opponents. He was already unbeatable in the popularity stakes.

Munich football has said goodbye to a magnificent goalkeeper, a penalty-killer and a showman who knew how to sell professional football. Rolf Hoffmann

(Münchener Merkur, 4 May 1970)

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